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SunLine Transit Agency to Unveil New Bus Wraps Created by Local Student Winners of its Annual Art Contest

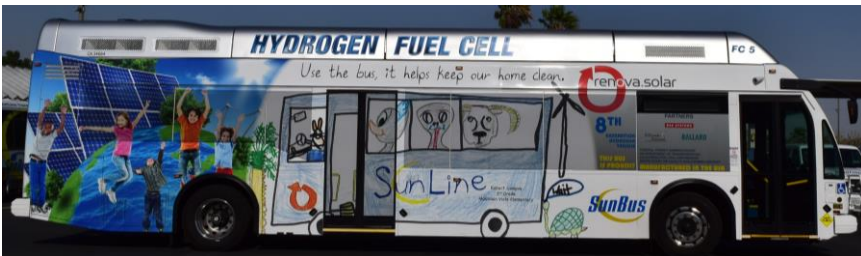
(Thousand Palms, CA) August 18, 2015 • As schools gear up to begin for another year, there's no better time to celebrate student art! SunLine Transit Agency, along with presenting sponsor Renova Solar, will showcase new student-designed bus wraps at an unveiling ceremony on Wednesday, August 19th, 11:00 a.m., at Renova Solar offices at 75-181 Mediterranean Avenue in Palm Desert.

The theme for this year's Student Art Contest – which generates two winners whose art will be featured on SunLine hydrogen fuel cell buses for the next year – was "Sustainability." The state -of-the-art, zero emission fuel cell buses present an ideal opportunity to display the environmentally friendly transit approach available in the Coachella Valley. The Agency's commitment as a leader in alternative fuel technologies, focusing on zero emission hydrogen fuel cell buses and infrastructure has garnered national and international recognition.



Of the 198 student art entries received, Robert Campos, a 2nd grader from Mountain Vista Elementary in Coachella, and Lianna Reyes, a 5th grader from James Madison Elementary in Indio, had the winning entries. The winning students and local dignitaries will be in attendance at the unveiling ceremony.

"The community collaboration with a partner, such as Renova Solar, who shares the same vision and principles for protecting the environment is gratifying," said Lauren Skiver CEO/General Manager for SunLine Transit Agency. "The expectation through the SunLine Student Art Contest is to raise awareness of the innovative "green" technology utilized in our local transit system. We are excited to see the looks on Robert's and Lianna's faces when they see their artwork come to life on a SunLine hydrogen fuel cell bus. "



Vincent Battaglio, CEO of Renova Solar added, "SunLine is a national leader in the renewables field for fuel and we are thrilled to be able to partner with them to expand awareness and knowledge about renewables to students, and then the community, with this art and bus wrap program."

More information about SunLine can be found at sunline.org. • Media inquiries contact Norma Stevens at 760-250-5366 or e-mail nstevens@sunline.org.

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SunLine Transit Agency is a joint powers authority formed in 1977 to operate the Coachella Valley's public transportation system. SunLine offers fixed route bus service and curb-to-curb paratransit for the mobility impaired. Its fixed route and paratransit vehicles travel more than 4 million miles per year, covering over 619 bus stops located throughout a 1,120 mile-service area, carrying approximately 4.82 million riders. SunLine Services Group regulates three taxi franchises who provide taxi services throughout the Valley. SunFuels alternative fueling station offers compressed natural gas and hydrogen for SunLine and the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To learn more, please visit sunline.org.